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## *BPA, SeaWest bring more Renewable Energy to the Northwest*

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**PORTLAND, Ore.** – The Bonneville Power Administration boosted its efforts to launch new renewable resources by backing another wind energy development project.

BPA and wind power developer SeaWest WindPower, Inc. announced a 20-year power purchase agreement today that will supply the federal agency with an additional 16.8 megawatts of wind energy from the Foote Creek IV project. SeaWest will install 28 new turbines at the Foote Creek Rim site in Carbon County, Wyo. to support the agreement.

"This is an example of BPA's commitment to renewable energy," said Judi Johansen, BPA administrator. "Wind energy is getting more interest. Our customers are supporting it. We are bringing it to market."

"The Foote Creek IV project is a further example of SeaWest's commitment to offering customers in the Pacific Northwest clean reliable energy at an effective price," said Jan C. Paulin, SeaWest's president and CEO. "By using the tremendous wind resource at Foote Creek Rim, SeaWest is further reducing the reliance on fossil fuels and improving air quality, which is a benefit for everyone."

Over the past three years, SeaWest has developed three utility scale projects on the Foote Creek Rim Site. It is considered one of the finest documented wind sites in the contiguous United States. With the completion of this project, the Foote Creek Rim site will have a total installed capacity of 84.8 megawatts. Foote Creek IV is the latest wind energy project developed by SeaWest on the site. Construction begins in May 2000 and the project could be on line as early as October 2000. With the addition of the Foote Creek IV project, SeaWest will supply BPA with enough power for 7,000 homes, with a total capacity of 18.8 megawatts from 31 turbines.

BPA is a federal agency, under the U.S. Department of Energy, that markets wholesale electrical power and operates and markets transmission services in the Pacific Northwest. The power comes from 29 federal dams and one non-federal nuclear plant. The dams and the electrical system are known as the Federal Columbia River Power System. BPA's transmission system accounts for about three-quarters of the region's high-voltage grid, and includes major transmission links with other regions. BPA is a self-funding agency that pays for its costs through power and transmission sales. Both power and transmission are sold at cost, and BPA repays any borrowing from the U.S. Treasury with interest. For

more information, go to <http://www.bpa.gov/>.

SeaWest WindPower is the largest independent developer of utility-scale wind power projects in the world. SeaWest has developed over 68 megawatts of utility-scale wind energy projects in the Foote Creek Rim area of Wyoming, in addition to nearly 500 megawatts of projects in California, the United Kingdom and Spain.

A QuickTime Virtual Reality Tour of the Foote Creek Rim Projects and SeaWest operations is available on the SeaWest website at <http://www.seawestwindpower.com/>.

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